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FOR STYLES, USCIVAIR DEL, LONDON

E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJECT: CIVAIR - DISCRIMINATION AT ROME AIRPORTS

REF: (A) ROME 2658; (B) ROME 2911

1. REF A IS EXCELLENT NEWS. IF ALITALIA DOES PAY CURRENT
AND PAST DUE USER CHARGES THIS WILL REMOVE THE BASIS FOR
DOT 1976 DISCRIMINATION FINDING. PLEASE CONFIRM THAT
ALITALIA IS ACTUALLY PAYING DOLS 13 MILLION DEBT AND
DESCRIBE PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS AS SOON AS INFORMATION IS
AVAILABLE. DEPT WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S CABLING
FINAL JUDICIAL RULING (SENTENZA).

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2. ON FEB 23 DOT SENT LETTER TO TREASURY SECRETARY (TEXT
BEING REPEATED SEPTTEL) REQUESTING HIM TO IMPOSE COMPENSA-
TORY CHARGES ON ALITALIA BEGINNING APRIL 1 FOR NON-PAYMENT
OF LANDING FEES. THE AMOUNTS OF THE CHARGES ARE SUBSTANTIAL:
1824 DOLS FOR EACH B-747 GENERAL CUSTOMS DECLARATION,
1459 DOLS FOR EACH DC-10 AND 912 DOLS FOR EACH DC-8.

3. DEPT MUST EITHER CONCUR OR REFUSE TO CONCUR IN TIME FOR TREASURY TO ACT ON APRIL 1. (IN LATTER CASE, CHARGES WOULD NOT BE IMPOSED.) WHILE WE WOULD BE RELUCTANT TO CONCUR WHEN THIS PROBLEM FINALLY APPEARS ON WAY TO

RESOLUTION, IT WILL BE DIFFICULT TO JUSTIFY REFUSAL UNLESS THERE IS CONTINUED PROGRESS TOWARD IMPLEMENTATION OF LAZIO TAR DECISION, HOPEFULLY INCLUDING FIRST ALITALIA PAYMENTS AS ENVISAGED REF A.

4. LETTER WILL SOON BECOME PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE. DEPT BELIEVES EMBASSY WILL WISH TO PROVIDE ITALIANS WITH TEXT INFORMALLY ASAP AND EXPLAIN THAT DEPT'S CONCURRENCE HAS BEEN REQUESTED.

5. WE AWAIT ITALIAN NOTE IN RESPONSE TO OURS OF LAST MAY WITH DIMINISHING PATIENCE. USG IS UNDER CONTINUING PRESSURE FROM AIRLINES TO RESOLVE GROUND HANDLING MONOPOLY PROBLEM, WHICH WAS SUBJECT OF 1975 DOT FINDING, OR RETALIATE IN KIND AGAINST ALITALIA IN U.S. SAR "OPERATING DEFICIT" ARGUMENT IS UNPERSUASIVE. IN ANY CASE, SAR'S LOSSES ARE NO JUSTIFICATION FOR DISCRIMINATION IN FAVOR OF ALITALIA.
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